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WEATHER.

Western Oregon—Probably fair in the north; rain or snow in the south.
Western Washington—Probably fair.
Eastern Oregon—Rain or snow.
Eastern Washington, Idaho—Fair.

NEW YORK HAS IT.

One of the chief novelties of 1908 in New York is a mild but interesting agitation for female suffrage. Under yellow and black banners bearing the words "Votes for Women" various impassioned oratoresses grieving at the position to which woman is relegated in this country are lecturing from soap boxes on crowded corners. Just what specific ends this suffragette invasion with demand for votes for women hopes to accomplish mere man has so far had considerable difficulty in determining. One of the more fiery oratoresses has announced that the country is in need of a moral revolution—whatever that may be. Another has taken for her theme the statement that as woman is the boss of the home which is the greatest factor in the advance of the country, she ought logically to be boss of everything else. Still others advocate the abolishment of rents. It is noticeable that about 99 per cent of the street corner audiences are composed of men who grin cheerfully, the remaining 1 per cent being made up of women who are extremely disdainful. One man, apparently of English distraction, found himself in considerable danger of a serious fight for shouting "No petticoat government for America." Various requests were made that he "give the women a chance to talk" and matters looked stormy until he explained that he had left England on just that account. No local Countess of Warwick has yet appeared to champion the cause and altogether the movement, while it attracts interest by its novelty, is not taken seriously.

AGAINST WITHDRAWAL.

Nobody ought to be surprised that one of the most influential newspapers in Cuba, the "Discussion" of Havana, protests promptly and vigorously in a long editorial against the American administration program which contemplates the withdrawal of United States troops on February 1, 1909, and the leaving of the island to work out its own destiny from that date on. The republic ought to be re-established, it is admitted, but the time fixed for it is too early says this shaper of popular opinions. "It is a mere exigency of American politics, altogether irrespective of Cuban interests," declares the "Discussion." "It is very deplorable that the United States is to loose Cuba on a fixed date with no reference to the condition it will be in on that date. The program will greatly damage the country, bringing a sudden accumulation of happenings just at the height of the sugar season, a most inauspicious time." And it is further stated that predictions as to the length of the new experimental republic's life are very pessimistic—"some think there will be a revolution as soon as the American army vanishes beyond the Morro Castle, while others think it will stand as long as it takes to build it." If one of the earliest acts of the next American administration is to send United States troops to Cuba and "take her over" again, it will shock none of us who know

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the character of that people. If the American nation is wholly free of the Cuba incubus by February 1, 1909, it will be lucky.

DIAMOND A DRUG.

Society will soon have to discover something new in the way of jewels if diamonds continue to be the drug on the market which the panic has made them. As things go at present, the demands is almost at a stand still and as for prices, about all that is necessary to obtain a stone is to name your own prices. Nobody wants to buy diamonds and the seriousness of the situation in this regard which has already brought the failure of several large diamond houses simply because trade was dead is instanced by the fact that the importations of these gems for 1907 was nearly \$12,000,000 less than in 1906 when prosperity was so much in evidence. Diamonds which cannot be sold are just so much unproductive capital, a fact strikingly illustrated by the inability of the firm in whose possession it is to dispose of the world-famous Hope blue diamond valued at \$250,000. A serious phase of this stagnation is found in the pawn shops. In New York more than anywhere else in the country people of small means have acquired the habit of purchasing diamonds with their savings instead of banking them, on the theory which heretofore has always held good, that the stones would increase steadily in value could always be sold at a profit and most important of all afforded a certain means of raising cash through the pawn shops. But where pawnshop men formerly lent nearly 50 per cent of its value on a pledged stone 10 per cent is now about the limit. Consequently those in New York who find themselves in possession of diamonds are curiously enough the owners of about the least profitable and most expensive luxury possible. Not the rich but the poor are those who have diamonds now.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Pity Fire Chief Croker is not on deck to hear some of the criticisms hurled at his department! The big chief is something of a fighter himself.

Why not have a climb over the ship's side on a "Jacob's ladder" made a test for naval officers so as to correspondent with the other service's horseback rides?

The St. Paul Western is liable to a \$5000 fine in Wisconsin for working a telegraph operator longer than eight hours a day. What would the Western Union think of such a law?

Fifth avenue doctors deny that there is an epidemic of sneezing among the residents of that thoroughfare. It was probably the talk of the approaching wedding that the passers-by heard.

More signs of a four-leaf shamrock sprouting. But Sir Thomas rightly leaves the fussy New York Yacht Club to take the initiative. He is tired of seeing his cup challenges blocked by technicalities.

Fighting Bob Evans, commander of the greatest of modern fleets, incapacitated by rheumatism, presents a situation that will furnish material for the paragraphs until another Ananias presents himself for official disfavor.

Vice-presidents of a number of railroads will confer with the President January 27 concerning restrictive legislation. This is all very well but it will not bring back the lost business or buy food for the men who have lost their jobs.

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Triumphant American Optimism.

Optimistic philosophy is the dominant note in American life. It permeates all classes. The grumbler, the calamity howler, the predictor of evil, the man who thinks that the country is going to the dogs, and that American institutions are deteriorating is the exception, not the rule.

Who can ever estimate what we owe to that splendid wave of optimism which has swept over this country since the panic?

Everywhere we hear strong business men talking optimism, trying to reassure the people, cautioning them against the fatality of spreading the pessimistic note.

The optimist of the press has had a wonderful effect on the masses, especially the ignorant and the timid. In Chicago, especially, many of the business and social organizations have done a splendid work in allaying the fears of the people.

If the recent panic had occurred twenty-five years ago, it would have been very much more serious. People were much more pessimistic than they are to-day. The leaven of optimism is working a marvelous change in our people. We are more hopeful, more confident.

There are not so many people to-day as there were formerly, who believe that things are going to the dogs.

We have more faith in ourselves, more faith in our country, more faith in that great creative principle which finally rights all wrongs, and which, in spite of all disaster and seeming wrong, finally brings harmony out of discord.

Our people have unbounded confidence in America's future and this vigorous American optimism will ultimately make any very extended financial panic impossible. Our resources are too vast, our people too gritty, too resourceful, too inventive, too determined, too hopeful, to long be materially affected by any financial disturbance.

Nowhere in the world is there crowded together such untold resources, such vast unexplored wealth, as in this country; and nowhere else have the inventive, resourceful faculties of man been developed to such an extent as here in America.

And better than all this is the fact that the hopefulness of the individual matches our national optimism, for her no youth is hampered or manacled in his race for success. His only limits are in himself.

We have as yet scarcely scratched the surface of our vast resources.

Even during the recent panic we knew that the confidence of our people as to our future greatness and grandness was not shaken in the least.

Everyone knew that it was only a temporary storm; that behind it the sun of American progress and enterprise was shining and would soon dissipate all the clouds.

Running all through the American people is a great underlying philosophy of optimism. Hope, not despair, carries the American banner—Success Magazine.

WOMAN'S WHIST LEAGUE.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—Detroit was selected as the next meeting place of the Woman's Whist League at a meeting in the National Order held here yesterday. The week beginning May 4, as the date. One hundred whist clubs, scattered from Maine to Texas, with an individual membership of about 3000 are included in the organization.

OFF FOR TARGET PRACTICE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23.—The battleship Nebraska under command of Captain Nicholson, sailed for Magdalena Bay yesterday to make her first effort at target practice. Following her target practice the Nebraska is expected to be in full readiness to join the ships of Admiral Evans' fleet next March.

From Abe Ruef's point of view, it seems that there is unwarranted partiality shown in the use of the immunity bath.

SHADOWED GIRL.

Arrested Man Charged With Murder of Policeman Mooney.

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—The love of a girl who, against the wishes of her mother, had been secretly meeting Simmons, led to his arrest last night on the charge of being implicated in the murder of Policeman William R. Mooney, who was shot by highway men on the night of January 2.

Grace Warner, 21 years old, has been meeting Simmons every night while detectives were searching the city for him. The police learned of this and last night followed her from her home. Just as Simmons greeted her, half a dozen detectives surrounded the couple and Simmons was forced to surrender at the points of revolvers.

Simmons, according to the police, is the most desperate highwayman who has worked in Chicago since the car-barn bandits. William Brown, the confessed slayer of Policeman Mooney and Thomas McCann, an accomplice, both say Simmons was with them at the time of the murder. Simmons is wanted on an indictment for the murder of Herman Hansen, a saloon-keeper who was shot and killed in a hold-up several weeks ago. Twenty or more saloon robberies are charged to him. Recently a reward was offered for his capture.

CUT THIS OUT.

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Be sure not to buy the ordinary bulk oil of pine nor patent medicine imitations, as they will produce nausea on account of the impurities they contain and frequently do permanent injury to the kidneys.

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Mr. Taft points with pride to the returns from Ohio, while Senator Foraker views them with alarm.

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